

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 17, 2006, has been carefully considered. Claims 1-11 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 3-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 4-6 and 8-11 are dependent from Claims 3 and 7, respectively, and should be allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks, and then pass the application to allowance.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC §103:

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams (U.S. Patent No. 6,053,176). Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,505).

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Conclusion:

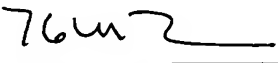
In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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